



Dash Point State Park, King and Pierce County, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$319,000

Providing Access to Puget Sound

A beautiful camping park with a beach along Puget Sound, Dash Point provides beautiful views of the Sound, excellent opportunities for marine life study, 140 campsites, and 11 miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking. Since its creation in 1962, the park has received Land and Water Conservation Funds for campsite and related utilities development and land acquisition.



"Within the context of this rapidly urbanizing landscape, Dash Point is in many respects more of an urban nature reserve than a traditional state park. Without the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the state in all likelihood would not have been able to purchase the property before being developed and there would be no state park today at Dash Point."

*Troy Fitzsimmons,
Parks Development Manager-
Washington State Parks
Puget Sound Region*





Don Armeni Park, Seattle, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$362,000

Seattle's Ramp with a View

Don Armeni Park is part of a chain of waterfront public access points that skirt West Seattle's peninsula along the water's edge linked by popular walking and bicycling trails. This park boasts some of the best views of Elliot Bay and Seattle skyline, but it is a popular fishing spot as well. The original Land and Water Conservation Fund grant acquired the 5-acre property and a subsequent project expanded the original park and developed the park infrastructure, including the boat ramp, parking and landscaping.



"Our waterfront parks are unique and dynamic urban spaces that reflect Seattle's history and character and offer wonderful opportunities for recreation and education. Originally acquired with support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Don Armeni is also the most popular of Seattle's saltwater boat ramps."

*Ken Bounds, Superintendent,
Seattle Parks and Recreation*





Flo Ware Park, Seattle, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$19,890 (1968)

Honoring A Community Activist

Thirty-five years ago, Land and Water Conservation Funds were used to acquire this compact half-acre neighborhood park. The tiny park is still there and more vibrant with community life than ever. In 2004 it was renovated through a city bond project which included artwork celebrating the life of Flo Ware, a well-loved community activist.



Beyond the tangible benefits, one of the most important benefits that an urban park offers is community building. Parks such as Flo Ware bring neighbors together on common ground. In Seattle, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been a longtime partner in this process.

*Ken Bounds, Superintendent,
Seattle Parks and Recreation*





Gas Works Park, Seattle, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$520,500



Supporting City Parks: Then and Now

In 1976, an LWCF grant helped fund the transformation of an abandoned industrial gas complex into one of Seattle's signature public open spaces. Thirty years later, LWCF funding still plays a significant role in the life of this unique park, helping to activate an unused portion of the park for neighborhood recreation. The project includes partial removal of a concrete barrier wall, landscaping and connections to the 12.5-mile Burke Gilman Trail.

"LWCF funding for Gas Works Park is an investment in Seattle's quality of life that has paid dividends. We are developing the northwest corner of the park, thus fulfilling the Park's Master Plan (created in the 70's). Without LWCF funding, the City would have been unable to develop the 2-acre northwest portion of the park, which had been inaccessible and vacant for many years."

*Ken Bounds, Superintendent
Seattle Parks and Recreation*





Grand Army Memorial Park, Westport, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$120,000

Bringing Back the Home Team

Westport badly needed a new baseball field and support facilities. Before this LWCF-assisted field was developed, the high school was on the verge of canceling their baseball program because the only other field was a recreation center field located 8 miles outside Westport. Teens who wanted to play Babe Ruth had to join a league 30 miles away and the team's "home games" were 20 miles away.



"LWCF funds were critical to this project. Had we not received the LWCF funds, we would have had to wait at least another year or two to have the funds to build a facility. The LWCF funds allowed us to build it when we needed it, and were critical in building a first class facility that has become a source of pride for the community."

*Randy Lewis
Westport City Administrator*





Steel Lake Park, Federal Way, WA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$577,000



Protecting Federal Way's Recreation Investment

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been a partner in recreation facility improvements at Steel Lake Park twice in twenty-four years. This active 50-acre community park features swimming, boating, picnicking, skateboarding, volleyball, basketball and now a new synthetic turf soccer field. Construction of the new soccer field, goals and bleachers also included improvements that addressed severe drainage and erosion problems.

"Since becoming a city in 1990, we have been committed to providing a high quality recreation experience in Federal Way. We consider the recent recreation improvements at Steel Lake Park, which received support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, as a sound investment in our community's quality of life."

*Donna Hanson, Director
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
City of Federal Way*

